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RE: Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site in Freeport Texas

Dear Mr. Morriss:

This letter is to confirm the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) meeting with Dow and Sequa regarding conduct of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site (Gulfco Site) on Friday, December 3, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Dow and Sequa were originally invited to negotiate with EPA regarding the RI/FS at the Gulfco Site in a July 15, 2004, Special Notice Letter that included an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and a Statement of Work (SOW).

In order to facilitate the December 3, 2004, meeting, Dow and Sequa have agreed to provide EPA a red line strikeout of the AOC on November 29, 2004. However, Dow and Sequa have declined to comment on the SOW. With regards to the SOW, Dow has stated that they would not comment on the SOW because they would like to tailor the SOW by drafting an entirely new version.

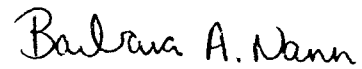
While EPA supports tailoring a SOW to the specific Superfund Site, a new SOW need not be drafted. The SOW provided by EPA contains boiler plate language that needs to be included in any SOW. Thus, it is important that EPA's SOW be the starting point for any creation of the Gulfco SOW. That being said, Task 2 of the SOW, titled "Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Work Plan," includes the preparation of a work plan that generally describes the work to be performed, the methodologies, and includes a schedule for completion. You may wish to provide a redraft of Task 2 to EPA for consideration that is tailored for the conditions at the Gulfco site.

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In addition to providing EPA with a copy of the AOC red line strikeout for the December 3, 2004 meeting, please provide a copy of the red line strikeout of the SOW. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Nann".

Barbara A. Nann
Assistant Regional Counsel

cc: Bill Mailey